

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter Klobuchar on March 8, 2011.

IN THE CLAIMS filed 2/28/11

Claim 1, line 2, "(a)" has been deleted.

Claim 1, line 3, "(b)" has been deleted.

Claim 1, line 4, "(c)" has been deleted.

Claim 1, line 5, "(d)" has been deleted.

Claim 1, line 5, "an axis" has been changed to - -a first axis- -.

Claim 1, line 7, "(i)" has been deleted.

Claim 1, line 9, "(ii)" has been deleted.

Claim 5, line 2, "the axis" has been changed to - -the first axis- -.

Claim 17, line 1, "claim 15" has been changed to - -claim 16- -.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 15-18 and 24-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Declaration establishes an actual reduction to practice prior to the critical date of the

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Harris document which overcomes the application of Harris under 35 USC 102(a).

Applicant also provides the statement of common ownership between the instant application and Harris which disqualifies Harris under 35 USC 103(c). Harris is no longer applicable prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES PILKINGTON whose telephone number is (571)272-5052. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7-3.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on (571)272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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